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## 'Significant' Bill on his way

Even if hurricane bypasses province, expert expects 100mm of rain in 12 hrs

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Bill is bringing a whole lot of wind and wet stuff when he blows through our region Sunday, so much so that he could be classified as a "strong Category 2; marginal Category 3" storm, the program supervisor for the Canadian Hurricane Centre said Thursday evening.

"We just want people to know that something very significant is coming," Peter Bowyer said from his Dartmouth office. "We're watching this still over the deep tropical Atlantic, (and) it looks like it's strengthening."

Thursday was too early for Environment Canada to issue weather warnings, but the national weather office did start posting public bulletins on its website at [weatheroffice.gc.ca/hurricane](http://weatheroffice.gc.ca/hurricane).

Meteorologists are forecasting hurricane Bill to track just south of Nova Scotia on Sunday, Bowyer said, adding the centre of the storm is expected to brush by Cape Breton, churning winds of at least 120 kilometres per hour.

"By the time it reaches any land areas, we're hoping that those winds will be down," Bowyer said. But he emphasized Bill's track could change and warned residents to be ready for the worst. "If it were to make landfall in Nova Scotia ... that would be a bad scenario."

Even if he passes our province completely, he said, we can still expect Bill to blast the province with at



Bruce Carroll, with the help of his son Jackson, gets his Maxum 44 power boat named Hot Tub tied up at the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax Thursday afternoon. Carroll was preparing for the arrival of hurricane Bill, which could hit Nova Scotia Sunday and result in winds of at least 120 kilometres per hour.

### Getting prepared for a hurricane

The province's Emergency Management Office said it's prepared for hurricane Bill and is reminding residents to get ready, too. Here's how:

- Watch and listen for updated weather information and public safety bulletins.
- Have an emergency kit ready that will last for three days and

includes food, water, clothing, blankets, a flashlight, batteries, radio, first-aid kit, medication and pet food.

- Have cash and important papers on hand in case of a power outage.
- Choose a shelter in a basement, storm cellar or closet beneath the stairs.

least 100 millimetres of rain within 12 hours.

The Environment Canada bulletin issued at 9 p.m. Thursday said swell from Bill is expected along Nova Scotia's Atlantic coast early Friday, with wave heights

on the shoreline reaching two to three metres by Saturday, creating "hazardous rip currents."

At the small Purcells Cove wharf Thursday, Robert Toole lugged large bottles of water onto his 36-foot Cape

- Choose a meeting place for family members.
- Help local seniors and other neighbours if you can.

- Secure loose outdoor objects that can be blown around.
- Stay away from coastal areas

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Islander, The Sea Nile, in preparation for the incoming storm. The Brookfield man plans to stick it out on the boat throughout the storm to ensure she's as secure as possible.

"We're going to put the

boat out on a mooring," he said. "It's somewhat insecure here ... the whole wharf would eventually just go with the hurricane."

Toole admitted he's "concerned," but said people here seem "more educated" about how to prepare for a severe storm since hurricane Juan caught so many off guard.

"We'll just do everything we can, make sure everything's prepared properly and hang on," he said.

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## 276 cellphone drivers ticketed in last 6 months

**ENFORCEMENT** There was a 142 per cent increase in cellphone drivers ticketed by Halifax RCMP in the last six months.

Halifax RCMP gave out 142 tickets from April to September 2008, the first six months after using a cellphone while driving was banned. That number spiked to 276 over the last six months from February to July 2009.

Spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said officers gave out more warnings in the first few months.

"But now it's strictly enforcement," he said. "People have had enough time to adjust."

The fine for a first offence of using a cellphone while driving is \$164.50. Police say the only valid excuse is calling 9-1-1 during an emergency.

Drivers text messaging also made up a good portion of the tickets.

"That's even worse because when you're texting your head's down looking at what you're typing so you're totally distracted from the road," he said.

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**Last weekend closure for Macdonald Bridge**

This should be the final weekend closure of the Macdonald Bridge as resurfacing work on the approach spans is on schedule and expected to be completed by the end of the month. The bridge will close this weekend from 7 p.m. Friday to 5:30 a.m. Monday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Local



## Charges against native icon dropped

Charges of assault, uttering threats and breaching court orders were formally dismissed Wednesday against Canadian aboriginal icon Donald Marshall Jr., left, who died Aug. 6 in Sydney, Marshall, 55, had previously pleaded not guilty to the charges and his defence lawyer was claiming an abuse of process challenge against the Crown. One of the assault charges involving Marshall related to his wife, Colleen D'Orsay, who consistently stood by her husband throughout his latest court battle. In an earlier exchange with the Cape Breton Post, D'Orsay denied Marshall ever assaulted her. **CAPE BRETON POST**



### Simulation-based surgery a first

**NEUROLOGY** A Halifax surgeon has performed the world's first simulation-based brain surgery.

A release by Capital Health and Dalhousie University says the surgeon removed a brain tumour this week after using a virtual reality-based neurosurgical simulation system.

"This advanced technology is tailor-made for patient-specific planning — a medical advance not yet available anywhere else in the world," the release said.

Dr. David Clarke, a professor of neurosurgery at Dalhousie Medical School and staff neurosurgeon at Capital Health, performed the surgery, which was constructed using the patient's own brain imaging studies performed in Halifax. **METRO HALIFAX**

### Man charged in alleged meat theft

**CRIME** A 31-year-old man was to appear in Halifax provincial court Thursday, facing several charges, including robbery, after police say he left the Sobeys on Mumford Road in Halifax with meat products he didn't pay for then threatened security by saying he had a gun.

Halifax Regional Police say store security observed the man concealing meat products in a bag then leaving the store without paying for them.

No weapon was seen or located. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Do's, don'ts of hurricane surfing

Powerful swells from Bill could be 'fun' but 'dangerous': Surfing instructor

**HILARY BEAUMONT**  
for Metro Halifax

### Hugh Stolarz plans to surf the swell of hurricane Bill this weekend.

He and a small group of friends will drive north to a "secret spot" where waves meet a rocky shore.

"Normally you get waves up to your knee and they're not that fun to ride," he said Thursday. "But when you're in a hurricane or a big storm, you get bigger waves that are a lot more fun to ride. It's like you've been snowboarding on the bunny hill

### Police warning

• Police are warning Nova Scotians to be cautious with hurricane Bill, especially those who decide to venture out during its peak period.

"Our concern is for the safety of the people going to the shores to try to get a better view of the waves," Halifax

forever and all of a sudden you get a nice big mountain."

But the 21-year-old, who has surfed the swells associated with hurricanes dozens of times, said the

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said Thursday.

"When you get wayward waves coming in, it doesn't take you long to get sucked back to the ocean. So we're just advising people to use common sense and stay away from the shorelines."

majority of surfers only ride the waves before and after the hurricane hits shore. He also said the best way to stay safe is to surf with a group.

"You have to know what

you're doing and stay with friends who know what they're doing," he said.

Juel Maerz, co-owner of One Life Surf School near Lawrencetown Beach, warned surfers to acknowledge their ability level before surfing hurricane Bill's "expert"-level waves. "Hurricane swells can be fun and exciting, but they're also unpredictable and dangerous."

She agreed with Stolarz that surfers should never surf alone and added they should find sheltered areas and communicate with lifeguards.

Maerz said the "incredi-

bly powerful and large" swells from Bill are forecast to reach as high as 30 feet.

"You can have rogue waves within them that can be massive," she said.

For that reason, Maerz warned that amateurs shouldn't overstep their limits.

"This one just happens to be one of the biggest swells to ever be predicted to hit the shores here. Surfers will be frothing at the mouth, but they might not have the water time or the experience," she said.

"It's not cool to be unsafe, it's cool to be smart."

## Weather Beefing the Heat



Halifax's Brian Turner, from the band he called Beef the Heat, plays saxophone barefoot on Spring Garden Road Thursday while a pedestrian wearing headphones watches him. It was another hot day in Halifax Thursday with temperatures again around the 30 C mark.

## Boat to be used for race repairs stolen

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**THEFT** Someone has up and drove off with a \$20,000 boat brought to Nova Scotia for an international racing event.

The 17-foot inflatable Laser Performance boat was brought to Halifax from Rhode Island to help with maintenance at the 2009 Nautel Laser World Championships, which run through Sept. 5.

The boat was parked on a trailer behind a house on Peggy's Cove Road, rather than in the secured lot of the St. Margaret's Bay sailing club, which is hosting the event.

Police say the boat was last seen Monday and discovered missing Wednesday morning. The trailer was also missing.

"Somebody with a tow-hitch would have had to come in, hitch it and away

they go," said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

The boat was to be used by Laser Performance for parts and repairs, but was not a racing or safety boat and will not interfere with the event, said event co-chair Barbara Pike.

"This boat was going to be used by Laser Performance for any repairs out on the water. But it has nothing to do with the race committee," she said. "It has no effect on the races whatsoever."

Pike didn't know why the boat was parked on private property instead of at the sailing club.

The boat is described as dirty white with a steering console and a 70-horse power Suzuki motor on the back.

RCMP are asking anyone with information to contact police or leave an anonymous tip through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Police issue warning over online ad

**CAUTION** Halifax Regional Police issued a warning Thursday about classified advertisements after a man is alleged to have falsely claimed to be associated with a business and used an Internet site to seek female models on its behalf.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter wouldn't say Thursday what the site

or business was, but that it "pertained to Halifax specifically."

He said they received complaints from both the business and those who responded to the advertisement, which police say requested interested people to send pictures of themselves from information that appeared on the classified site.

Palmeter said the business does exist, but the man "wasn't affiliated with them in anyway."

A police release Thursday recommended caution when sending any personal information or photos to "an unknown source." It also encouraged anyone who has been a victim of fraudulent advertising to contact police. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Arson investigated in shed fire

**COLE HARBOUR** Halifax RCMP are investigating an arson after a fire broke out in a shed behind the back of a residence on Flying Cloud Drive in Cole Harbour Thursday morning.

Police say they, along with Halifax Regional Fire, were called to the blaze around 3:30 a.m. after a

man delivering papers in the area discovered the flames. Police say the shed was in a secluded wooded area and engulfed in flames when they arrived on the scene.

It was reported the resident in the home was sleeping until firefighters arrived. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Dalhousie University chancellor and community volunteer Fred S. Fountain has been named the 2009 Humanitarian Award winner for Nova Scotia for the Canadian Red Cross. Michael Doyle Cluett of Chapel Island and Halifax is the winner of the 2009 Young Humanitarian Award for the province. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Nuts4Ribs a tasty way to raise awareness

Testicular cancer survivor attempts to educate Atlantic Canadian men — with meat

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**It's the definitive event for rib lovers and charitable people — and Saturday it hits the Halifax waterfront.**

Halifax's Nuts4Ribs has become so popular it's about to expand across other provinces — and it all began just two years ago.

After being diagnosed with testicular cancer in August of 2004, Michael Kydd was looking for a way to educate other men on self-examinations. He got the idea of using an event dear to his heart.

"I grew up in Ontario and at the end of August throughout most of southern Ontario there are tons of ribfests," he said.

"When I moved here I realized there wasn't a ribfest. After my cancer diagnosis I wanted to come up with a good idea and a good concept that would be able to educate men about the disease."

So in 2007 Nuts4Ribs



Nuts4Ribs founder Michael Kydd (right) and Mike McCarther chow down on some ribs at the site of this year's event on the Halifax waterfront.

was born and organizers have been scrambling to keep up with its rapid growth ever since.

The first year more than

2,000 people attended, and that grew to almost 7,000 last year. This year they've moved the event from Bedford to Halifax next to the

Waterfront Warehouse to accommodate an expected crowd of 10,000-plus people.

The lineup Saturday in-

cludes musical guests such as 2008 Canadian Idol runner-up Mitch MacDonald, Matt Minglewood, and Sons of Maxwell, who will

## If you go...

• Nuts4Ribs charity ribfest runs Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Halifax waterfront next to the Waterfront Warehouse restaurant.

perform their United Breaks Guitars sequel live for the first time.

There's also rib eating contests, a 3-on-3 ball hockey tournament and the Cojones Cook-Off, where amateur rib cooking enthusiasts can cook their own ribs and have them taste tested by a panel of judges.

A simultaneous Nuts4Ribs event could be held in Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick next year, with the goal of hitting all four Atlantic Canada provinces by 2012.

"It's been phenomenal. It's been a great ride for us," Kydd said.

"Our goal is to reach all Atlantic Canadians about the importance of testicular self-examination."

## HRM owes man \$80K over 'wretched' stench

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Halifax Regional Municipality has to dole out over \$80,000 to a North Preston man who has put with the "wretched" smell of the sewage treatment plant next to his farm for almost 20 years.

In a ruling released Thursday, Justice Gerald Moir of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court ordered the city to pay out \$55,000 plus interest to Allison Willis, 70, who sued the municipality for nuisance and negligence because of being strongly affected by the stench.

"Frequently, Mr. Willis could not enjoy the countryside at his own farm and home," the judge wrote. "I find that the odours from the sewage plant substan-

**"Mr. Willis could not enjoy the countryside at his own farm and home."**  
Judge Gerald Moir

tially and unreasonably interfered with Mr. Willis' use of his home."

Although Moir found nuisance on the municipality's part, he did not find negligence. "There is no proof of carelessness," his decision reads. "The system chosen in 1988 was conventional, and the plant appears to have been operated carefully."

Mr. Willis lives uphill from Winder Lake, where the sewage plant was replaced last year "because it was causing excessive amounts of potassium," according to the decision.

## IWK to take books, toys from waiting rooms to curb H1N1

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Kids stuck waiting for appointments at Halifax's hospital for children will no longer be provided with toys to play with and books to read.

The IWK Health Centre announced Thursday it's removing all toys, books and magazines from patient waiting areas "to reduce the potential spread of H1N1 flu virus."

Kim Allain, infection control practitioner for the hospital, said those items have been removed from the emergency department, but are now being taken out of other waiting areas because of recommendations from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

"Toys, books and maga-

**"Toys, books and magazines ... aren't necessarily cleaned between every patient. So by us removing them, it somewhat interrupts the spread of infection."**

Kim Allain, IWK Health Centre

zines are for communal use and aren't necessarily cleaned between every patient," Allain explained. "So, by us removing them, it somewhat interrupts the spread of infection."

Families can still bring their own reading material and washable toys if they're coming for a day appointment, she said, adding child life specialists are "putting together packages of crayons and colouring pages" that kids can use while they wait and take home with them.

Children who stay

overnight in the hospital won't be affected, Allain said, as toys for inpatient play areas are cleaned regularly with disinfectant. She called toy removal from waiting rooms a "temporary measure" to address the pandemic of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

Capital Health spokesman John Gillis confirmed Thursday hospitals in that jurisdiction, which includes HRM and west Hants County, are also removing reading material from "public areas."

## Feds to give NSCAD \$425K for repairs, renovations

**INFRASTRUCTURE** The federal government announced Thursday that the Nova Scotia College of Arts and Design is getting \$425,000 in infrastructure money for upgrades to its location on Granville Street in Halifax.

The money is going towards window replacements, roof repairs, masonry and stone facade stabilization.

A Parks Canada release issued Thursday said the university's campus, apart of a block of 1900 Victorian and Italianate-styled buildings, is one of three historic sites in Halifax receiving support from the Parks Canada National Historic Sites Cost-Sharing Program.

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## News in brief

**TRUCK SUBMERGED** A truck received \$30,000 worth of damage after Halifax Regional Police say the vehicle slid into the water on slippery seaweed at Convo Run Park in Bedford on Thursday. Police say the mishap took place at 2:30 p.m. after the man got his boat off

the truck's trailer. The truck was completely submerged, police say, and divers were called in to hook a cable to the truck to have the vehicle removed.

**CARPENTRY** The United Brotherhood of Carpenters is hosting a national apprenticeship

contest on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Halifax waterfront at the Cunard lot south of Bishop's Landing. Carpenters, millwrights and drywallers from across the country will compete to find the best young tradespeople in Canada. The competition is

open to the public and free of charge. The UBC is North America's largest building-trades union with more than a half-million members for the construction industry.

**ARRESTS** Halifax Regional Police say officers arrested two women Thursday on Windmill

Road in Dartmouth for communicating for the purpose of prostitution. The suspects, aged 28 and 40, are scheduled to answer to the charges in court at a later date.

**DRUG CHARGES** A 33-year-old Halifax man is facing drug trafficking charges after police of-

ficers searched two homes in the city core on Wednesday morning. Halifax Regional Police say they seized ecstasy, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and cash when they executed warrants at homes on Romans Avenue and Olivet Street at about 10:30 a.m. **METRO HALIFAX**



**Ex-stripper allowed to keep \$2M in untaxed gifts**

The Tax Court of Canada ruled the Canada Revenue Agency can't collect income tax bills from an ex-Montreal stripper who received \$2 million in cash and goods, CBC reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Canada

## From no call to no tell

CRTC won't disclose identities of list violators

**The CRTC is to hold secret talks next week to determine whether three unidentified telemarketers knowingly violated the national do-not-call list, the Toronto Star has learned.**

The agency has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure you don't know who the telemarketers are and what they did. They won't even let you know when exactly the three CRTC commissioners handling the matter are going to talk to each other by phone.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission took the step of striking the panel after the telemarketers refused to pay undisclosed fines.

A CRTC spokesperson said if the three commissioners, Timothy Denton,

### Fines

- Companies violating the do-not-call list can be fined up to \$15,000 per call, and individuals can be fined up to \$1,500.

Louise Poirier and Michel Arpin, determine the telemarketers violated the almost year-old rules, only then will their names be published along with the fine on the CRTC website.

Critics say it is hard to believe a government agency would shield scofflaw telemarketers by first refusing to name them, then conducting a hearing behind closed doors.

The no-call list law was introduced in September 2008 to protect consumers from being bothered by telemarketers. Some seven

million telephone numbers have been registered on the do-not-call list.

Queen's University law professor Art Cockfield said yesterday the CRTC should be shaming telemarketers, not going to great lengths to protect their identity.

Besides refusing to name telemarketers, the CRTC went as far as tell the Toronto Star "there are no documents" relating to offending telemarketers, even though it has issued a total of seven telemarketers with violation notices and confirmed that hundreds of others were under investigation.

"Disclosing the identity of the telemarketing company would act as a significant deterrent, the so-called shaming factor," said Cockfield.

—TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## PM vows better times for Arctic residents

**UNAVUT** As Canada asserts sovereignty claims in the Arctic, it must also do a better job of ensuring the region's residents share in its resources, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper made his comments in the coastal hamlet of Pangnirtung on Baffin Island in Nunavut, as he continued his tour of Canada's Far North.

Many residents of the Arctic, where a large portion of the population is aboriginal, say they have too often been left behind in the rush to exploit the natural resources beneath their feet.

"We are very concerned that as development occurs here in the territory, local people don't just share in the wealth generated from the development, but that they (also) share in the development itself," Harper told reporters.

He outlined Ottawa's plan to spend \$17 million to improve the local har-



A young Inuk girl cries during a speech by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Pangnirtung, Nunavut, Thursday.

bour for fishermen.

The nearby waters are rich in turbot and arctic char, but the lack of a good dock forces fishermen to wait until high tide to unload their catches, a process that can force them to remain on the water in small boats in bad

weather.

Harper dismissed criticism that his government has put too much emphasis on the military component, while not doing enough to address infrastructure problems such as aging electricity facilities in the region.

—REUTERS

### News in brief

**IQALUIT** The power went out across Iqaluit for about two hours on Wednesday, just after Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other top politicians had

left the small community on Baffin Island to tour a military training exercise in the area. Workers at Iqaluit's aging main diesel-powered generating sta-

tion took the facility off line after discovering a problem in one of its systems, a move the utility said was prompted by safety concerns.

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# One dead after big storm hits Ontario

## Tornadoes leave thousands without power

**Close to 69,000 Ontario residents were left without power after a series of destructive thunderstorms and several tornadoes ripped through southwestern Ontario last night.**

Over half of these residents are in the area of Owen Sound and Walkerton, which is just north of Durham, Ont., where a tornado was spotted.

The OPP have confirmed

there is at least one fatality after strong winds and storms blasted through the town of Durham, 50 kilometres south of Owen Sound, this afternoon. Residents said a shed collapsed in a conservation park in the north end of town, killing a person inside.

Another 6,000 people in cottage country near Georgian Bay and in Muskoka were left in the dark, said

Hydro One representative Daniele Gauvin. The numbers do not include homes and businesses in the York region, which was battered by high winds.

In Toronto, subway service was suspended between Wilson and Downsview stations after outages. There were also multiple pockets of power outages throughout the city and downtown.

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A tree was uprooted in York Region, north of Toronto, by a powerful storm on Thursday evening. At least four tornadoes touched down in the region, reportedly killing one.

## ID system could clear up problems

**PASSPORTS** Photographs can help clear controversies, but they can also lead to terrible mix-ups — as in the case of Suaad Hagi Mohamud.

David Corley, owner of DSC Laboratories in Mississauga, Ont., a company that specializes in image analysis and systems to make photographs clearer and better-looking, created and patented the triple-image ID system called CamAlign.

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**Obama urges renewed Mideast peace talks soon**

U.S. president Barack Obama wants Israel and the Palestinians to restart peace talks as soon as possible and urged both sides to advance the process, the White House said Thursday. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Afghans turn out to vote despite violence

Millions of Afghans went to the polls Thursday, defying Taliban threats of violence and sporadic attacks to choose a president in the midst of a worsening war.

"The Afghan people dared rockets, bombs and intimidation and came out to vote," President Hamid Karzai told a news conference after polls closed.

The Afghan government said nine civilians and 14 members of the security forces were killed in a total of 135 incidents country-wide on polling day.

Rockets fell on towns, especially in the south and east, and two gunmen wearing suicide vests were killed in a gunbattle in Kabul, but the Taliban failed to mount a single spectacular strike that could threaten the poll itself.

Violence in the morning tapered off as the day went on.

"Overall, the security situation has been better than we feared. That is certainly the most positive aspect of these elections," said Kai Eide, head of the UN mission in Kabul.

"The security situation



An election official sorts through ballot papers at a polling station in Kandahar Thursday.

### Election results

- Preliminary results are not due for two weeks, although polling stations could begin to report sooner.

has, in general, allowed people to take part in the elections," he said.

Pre-election polls showed Karzai, in power since 2001, is likely to win but not by enough to avoid a run-off against his main challenger, his former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, who ran a surprisingly energetic campaign.

If Karzai fails to win more than 50 per cent of the vote

he will face a run-off in October, most likely against Abdullah.

The president relied for votes on the endorsements of many of the country's notorious former militia chiefs, raising alarm among his Western backers that the cost of a victory in the election could be a return of warlords to power.

The election was also a test for U.S. President Barack Obama, who has ordered a massive troop build-up this year as part of a strategy to reverse Taliban gains. U.S. officials were clearly relieved that election-day violence had not been worse. **REUTERS**

## Iran's speaker ready to study rape allegations



**PROTESTERS** Iran's parliamentary speaker said on Thursday he was ready to consider any documents submitted by pro-reform cleric Mehdi Karoubi to support his allegations that some imprisoned reformist protesters have been raped, the IRNA news agency Ali Larjani reported.

Ali Larjani made the comment a day after Karoubi asked to meet top officials including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to present evidence of the alleged abuse of detainees following protests after June's disputed election.

Karoubi, who came fourth in the vote, has come under fire from hardliners for making the allegation, which the authorities have rejected as "baseless."

"He can pursue these issues and we are prepared to consider their documents and proofs," IRNA quoted Larjani as saying.

"We have no interest in keeping any part of this issue concealed from the public."

Some hardliners have called for Karoubi to be arrested or tried if he fails to prove his allegations. Last week, he said some of those arrested had been killed under torture. **REUTERS**

## Lockerbie bomber released from jail

**SCOTLAND** A former Libyan agent jailed for life for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people flew home on Thursday after Scottish authorities released him on compassionate grounds because he is dying of cancer. Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, believed to have less than three months to live, was released on the order of Scotland's justice minister despite strong opposition from the United States, which had campaigned to keep him in prison.

Pan Am flight 103 was carrying 189 Americans when it left London for New York on Dec. 21, 1988. In all, 259 people on board and 11 on the ground were killed in the bombing.

"He is a dying man, he is terminally ill," Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill said.

"My decision is that he returns home to die." **REUTERS**

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Scores of Nigerian oil militants turned in weapons in the creeks of the Niger Delta on Thursday, two weeks after a 60-day amnesty period began, but the participation so far is still below authorities' expectations. **REUTERS**

## Manufacturing grows in U.S. Mid-Atlantic: Report

**ECONOMY** Manufacturing in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region expanded in August for the first time in 10 months but new filings for unemployment benefits rose last week, an indication weak spending would constrain recovery.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said on Thursday its business activity index rebounded to 4.2 in August, the highest since November 2007, from minus 7.5 in July. A reading above zero indicates growth.

While the Philadelphia Fed index was the latest report to chart an improvement in manufacturing as producers rebuild depleted inventories, a separate report from the Labor Department underscored the fragile state of

### New orders

• The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank's survey showed new orders rose to 4.2 from minus 2.2 in July, also the highest since November 2007. The employment index rose to minus 12.9 from minus 25.3 last month.

the jobs market.

Initial applications for state unemployment insurance rose 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 576,000 last week, tempering some of the optimism over an economy that is close or starting to pull itself out of the worst slump in 70 years and pointed to an anemic recovery.

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## Obama trims deficit forecast

Stabilizing finances reduces figure, but prediction still in trillions

**A stabilizing U.S. financial sector has freed President Barack Obama to trim 2009 budget deficit projections, but the still-record-breaking figure will not make it any easier for him to sell health-care reform.**

The White House budget office will lower its deficit forecast next week for the current fiscal year to \$1.58 trillion US from \$1.84 trillion after removing \$250 billion set aside for bank bailouts.

The decision shows the administration has enough confidence in the financial sector's strength to forego an option to ask the U.S. Congress for further rescue funds.

But the lower figure's release, which comes at a convenient time for Obama



U.S. President Barack Obama takes part in a live interview on Michael Smerconish's radio program in the Diplomatic Reception Room at the White House in Washington yesterday.

as he tries to overcome critics' concerns about a nearly \$1-trillion overhaul of the health-care system, does not change a key

problem: the deficit is still in the trillions of dollars.

"The size of the deficit remains large and most Americans will see it that

way," said Julian Zelizer, a history professor at Princeton University.

"In this case, the devil is not in the details but rather it is in the trillion-dollar figure."

The Congressional Budget Office will offer its latest deficit projections on Tuesday, setting up a potential clash of fiscal outlooks. Previous CBO estimates showed the deficit topping \$1.8 trillion in 2009, largely because of Obama's \$787-billion economic stimulus package.

In May, the White House pushed up its budget deficit estimates for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 to \$1.84 trillion — representing a huge 12.9 per cent of gross domestic product.

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## Smoking lawsuits finding for both sides

**COURTS** Fifteen years after a Miami Beach pediatrician suffering lung disease took on the tobacco giants, thousands of smokers' lawsuits are working their way through Florida courts and early results encourage both sides.

There have been nine verdicts in a massive block of litigation known in the industry as "Engle progeny," the offspring of a landmark 1994 lawsuit filed by Dr. Howard Engle that produced a \$145 billion US judgment against cigarette makers six years later.

It was the first class-action brought by sick smokers to make it to trial and the largest civil damage award in U.S. history. The judgment was overturned on appeal, but the multi-million-dollar litigation industry spawned by that lawsuit could thrive for years in Florida. The score: seven judgments for smokers, ranging from \$600,000 to \$30 million; two wins for tobacco firms.

**REUTERS**

### News in brief

**DIPLOMACY** North Korea said on Thursday it would send a high-ranking delegation to the South to mourn former president Kim Dae-jung in the latest sign of easing tensions with the outside world. Kim, died on Tuesday aged 85.

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## Comment

## Elect a unifying force



**Bernd Christmas**  
Guest Columnist

When Aboriginal Canadians gather next month to elect a new leader of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, an organization founded to represent off-reserve Aboriginal Peoples, they will not be just answering the question of who leads the congress, but perhaps who actually represents Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

During the CAP's 38-year history it has battled for that right with the better known — and richer — Assembly of First Nations (the AFN received \$27 million in grants from the federal government alone in 2008, compared to \$5.5 million for CAP), which says it represents all First Nations, though its leadership is elected only by First Nations band chiefs, whose governments receive \$10

billion in funding from Indian Affairs — a source of tension for First Nations people living off reserve who can't access those funds or that level of support.

According to Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada population projections, in 2009, there are 482,600 on-reserve Status Indians and 350,000 off reserve, though Statistics Canada says only 40 percent of First Nations people live on reserves.

So at stake in these elections is this: will a new CAP leader work with the newly elected AFN National Chief, Shawn Atleo, on behalf

of all aboriginals, rather than against each other as their two predecessors did. How bad was it? The AFN's former national chief Phil Fontaine declared in 2007 about CAP: "It is deeply insulting when the government supports a puppet organization, of questionable representation, with a straw man for a leader, who slams First Nations leadership." In 2008, CAP's former national chief Patrick Brazeau responded: "The AFN national chief said he represents all First Nations people. Well, I'm a First Nations person and I did not give him that right to represent me. As a matter of fact, he living off-reserve, means I represent him."

Let's add a few more national organizations into the mix: the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Metis Nation and the Native Women's Association. Collectively, the five organizations represent

all Indigenous Peoples. Sometimes they work together, but for the most part they don't.

Clearly all Indigenous Peoples are not one homogeneous body, and are all very distinctive.

But surely no one can argue that collectively they are on the same page as a result of the poor treatment of Indigenous Peoples. All are fighting for recognition and implementation of rights, within the law.

The CAP election may be the first step for an organization to take the high road and elect a leader that is willing to go the extra mile. All Indigenous Peoples are looking for leaders that can bring them a better life. Education, health care, employment, justice, thriving economies and equality are issues that need attention. Will it ever be possible to form one political body to represent all?

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AFN National Chief  
Shawn Atleo



## Views

## Get the province out of our property tax trap



**Bernie Smith**  
Guest columnist

The previous provincial government moved to freeze the assessments on residential waterfront properties and subsequently followed up by limiting the assessment increases of all residential property to the rate of inflation.

I should point out right away these actions were taken in an effort to deal with pressures regarding escalating taxation levels on waterfront property in particular, and would appear to have been an apparently easy and quick solution to an annoying problem which, if not dealt with more thoughtfully,

will give rise to steadily increasing problems over time. Is it reasonable that all of the other properties should subsidize those with frozen assessments?

Is it reasonable to expect all of the other taxpayers to share in the frozen taxes of a waterfront property that is increasing in value?

The only result is to make the assessment process more complex and less accurate.

It doesn't limit taxes overall, although it may skew the apportionment between properties.

Halifax Regional Municipality has had a taxation review committee working for about two years, so far without an acceptable outcome, which emphasizes assessment and taxation aren't easy issues.

The situation is worsened by generations of politicians clouding the distinctions between assessment levels and rates of taxation, which results in general confusion over the issue.

Until we find a better way of apportioning taxes we should avoid distortions of the present system.

All should be made aware however, that freezing assessments is dangerous. Freezing assessments over a long period of time results in property getting way out of line from market values and consequently, much less accurate and more difficult to assess.

It also means when a property with an assessment level has been frozen for a while is sold, the assessment level reverts to

the current market with a consequent sudden (and potentially large) increase in taxes.

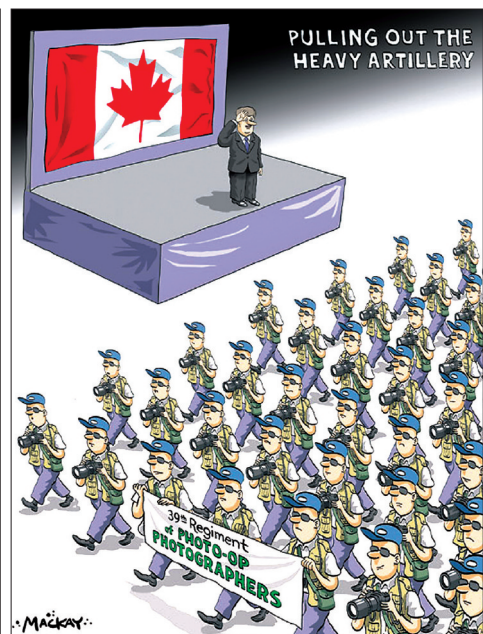
That will act as a depressor to property values and a barrier to new entrants to the property market.

As a result of an unfair burden of taxation, young families will be dissuaded from locating in our community.

We should stop trying to use the assessment process as a social support system and deal with cases of hardship in another way.

Our new NDP government must get Nova Scotia out of this potential disastrous property tax trap as soon as possible.

Bernard Smith is the president of the Spring Garden Area Business Association. He was a guest columnist this week.



## Worth mentioning

## Japanese politicians wary as swine flu plagues region

They may want votes, but some Japanese election candidates have been cutting back on handshakes on the campaign trail as the new flu virus reaches epidemic proportions in Japan.

The country has confirmed three deaths from the Influenza A (H1N1) virus, also known as swine flu, and the health minister said Wednesday a rise in cases meant the new flu had spread more than expected this summer.

With little more than a week to go until the Aug. 30 election that his opposition Democratic Party looks likely to win, candidate Denny Tamaki is playing it safe.

"Shaking hands during

an election campaign is key, so this is pretty troubling," Tamaki told the Yomiuri Shimbun.

Fellow Democratic Party candidate Katsuhito Yokokume, locked in a tough fight against popular ex-premier Junichiro Koizumi's son, took a break from campaigning a few days ago after showing flu symptoms, media reported.

When he resumed, he made a rather unusual campaign pledge.

"We'll make sure not to give speeches so close that the audience might get hit with spit," Yomiuri quoted one of his campaigners as saying.

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## Jet deal cancelled

### Bombardier contract worth up to \$1.5B

**Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that it scrapped a large Learjet contract with Jet Republic after the upstart private aviation company declared insolvency, underlining the ongoing turbulence in the business jet market.**

The contract for 25 Learjet 60 XR mid-sized jets accounted for \$240 million US of Bombardier's backlog. If the options for 85 more jets had been exer-

#### Déjà vu

• Last week, Bombardier cancelled a deal to supply Italian low-cost carrier MyAir.com with 15 CRJ1000 regional jets, after MyAir had its licence suspended by Italy's aviation authorities due to financial difficulties.

cised, it would have been worth up to \$1.5 billion.

The jets were due to enter service over the course

of the next two years, starting in October 2009.

The Montreal-based aerospace and transportation company's aerospace's backlog stood at \$22.4 billion as of April 30.

"The order was among the largest single business jet orders Bombardier had ever recorded," Cameron Doerksen, an analyst at Versant Partners, said in a note to clients.

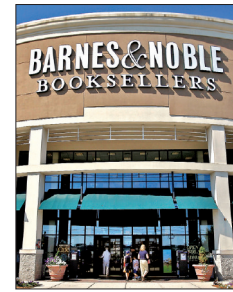
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## Bookseller puts off forecasts as sales slide

**BOOKS** Barnes & Noble Inc.'s quarterly profit did not fall as much as expected, but its shares skidded as sales kept sliding and the retailer put off updating its annual forecast to around Oct. 1 as it prepares to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

Last week, Barnes & Noble announced plans to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for \$596 million, a move that would expand its store base and provide entry into the digital textbook arena.

Traditional booksellers like Barnes & Noble are facing increased pressure from online retailers, especially from web giant Amazon.com Inc. At the same time, consumers have cut back on discretionary purchases, including books.



Barnes & Noble expects to offer more than one million titles by the end of the year at its online store for digital books.

With more books sold online, and with new technology such as electronic book readers slowly gaining momentum, booksellers are scrambling to gain entry in the digital market.

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#### In brief

**TRADE** Canadian wholesale trade rose for the first time in nine months in June, up 0.6 per cent from May on higher sales of automotive products as well as food, drink and tobacco, Statistics Canada said Thursday. Sales in the automotive products sector increased by 3.3 per cent from May, but were still 24.6 per cent below levels in June 2008. The food, beverages and tobacco products sector rose 1.8 per cent from May, mainly on higher sales of food.

**FOOD** Packaged food makers H.J. Heinz Co. and Hormel Foods Corp. both posted better-than-expected quarterly profits as consumers eat more at home to save money, lifting sales of products like ketchup and Spam. Heinz said Thursday that it benefited from strength in emerging markets and price increases. Hormel saw profits boosted by lower costs for live-stock feed in its Jennie-O turkey business.

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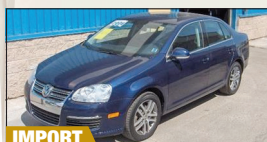
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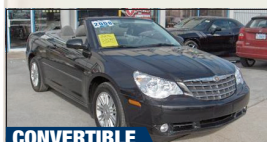
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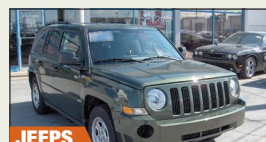
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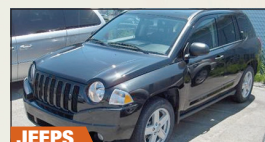
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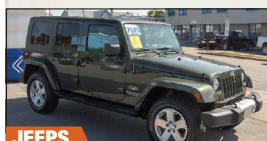
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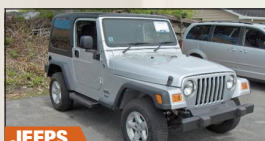
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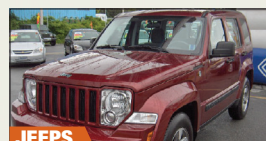
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The University of Memphis men's basketball program has been forced to forfeit the record 38 wins and Final Four appearance it recorded during the 2007-08 season because the school used an ineligible player, the NCAA has ruled. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Plaxico pleads guilty

Former New York Giant Plaxico Burress, left, pleaded guilty to a weapons charge Thursday and agreed to a two-year prison term for accidentally shooting himself at a Manhattan nightclub. The ex-wide receiver pleaded guilty to one count of attempted criminal possession of a weapon, a lesser charge than he initially faced. Burress' sentencing is set for Sept. 22. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



After being cut by the Saint John Sea Dogs, Matt Stoddard is trying to start over with the Mooseheads.

## It's now or never

Herd give Stoddard last chance prove himself

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If Matt Stoddard's career had gone the way scouts projected, he'd already be a scoring-line forward in the QMJHL.

Instead, the Porters Lake native is facing a make-or-break situation this month as he attends Halifax Mooseheads training camp in a last-chance bid to keep his career alive.

Stoddard, drafted 35th overall in 2006, has spent the past three seasons with the Saint John Sea Dogs, producing only 22 points in 128 games. His role, however, was limited.

"I didn't feel like I got the opportunity I deserved," he said. "That's why I'm grateful to be here because I get a second chance at something I thought I lost in

For weekend coverage of the Mooseheads follow @metrofiles on Twitter or visit: [metronews.ca/qfiles](http://metronews.ca/qfiles)

Saint John."

The 19-year-old enters an ideal situation with the Mooseheads. They need offence — desperately — and that's Stoddard's forte. He had 35 goals and 50 assists for 85 points in 63 games during his midget days with the Cole Harbour McCains.

"That's something I've done since I was four years old, so I'm hoping I can do that for them here," he said.

His confidence was at an all-time low when the Sea Dogs cut him midway through last season. But he made the best of it by reporting to the junior A Bridgewater Lumberjacks. He played on a scoring line and had 17 points in 17

games.

"As much as I didn't want to play junior A, I had a good time and it really taught me you can't take anything for granted and you have to push yourself to be better," he said.

Stoddard, who was once knocked for being a lightweight, bulked up in a serious way in the off-season after the Sea Dogs granted him a conditional tryout with the Herd. The six-footer is sporting a muscular 192-pound physique at camp.

At age 19, he needs to show he can be productive to crack the roster. The rebuilding club is unlikely to keep a veteran around to toil on the third and fourth lines.

"I know I can bring something to the table," Stoddard said. "I'm trying to take the ball and run with it."

## Big cut looms at Mooseheads camp

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There's a cut — a very large cut — coming on Saturday morning at Halifax Mooseheads training camp.

Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said Thursday night he could trim as many as 25 players from his rather bulky 59-man training camp roster before the

### Pre-season games

- Saturday**
- Halifax at P.E.I., 4 p.m.
- Sunday**
- P.E.I. at Halifax, 6 p.m. (Forum)

team opens the QMJHL pre-season on Saturday on Prince Edward Island.

"We could be down to 35 or so," Russell said.

Ultimately, Russell intends to carry either 23 or 24 players, and he's starting to whittle down his list. He said he's already noticing players "a little tired, a little lethargic."

"We want to push these guys, test them," he said. "You see good things, you see bad things, you see guys who are fatigued, guys who can push through it, guys who can't."

## Golfers in the Olympics? It's all about the money

Field of Play

**Scott Russell**

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I saw Alex Baumann, one of Canada's greatest Olympians, the other day in Dartmouth, N.S., at the World Sprint Canoe Championships. The legendary swimmer and I witnessed another Canadian Olympic icon, Adam van Koeverden, as he won a bronze medal in his kayak despite nursing a badly broken ankle.

"Can you believe golf's back in the Olympics?" I asked Baumann.

He shook his head in amazement and turned his attention to what was happening out on the surface of beautiful Lake Banook.

Although it's a great game, golf is not — repeat not — Olympic.

Sure it was, at one time,

**"The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others."**

played in Olympic competition and a Canadian named George Lyon won the gold medal in St. Louis back in 1904. But remember, there was also motor boat racing at the Olympics and polo and croquet, for goodness sake. Like golf, these are not Olympic pursuits, but rather pastimes of the privileged few.

Golf's anticipated re-entry to the Olympic family in time for the 2016 Games reeks of another money grab. The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others. Meanwhile, women ski

jumpers can't get a sniff of gender equality or place their sport in the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. It's hypocritical to say the least.

When will the people who currently run the Olympics understand that the Games are the pinnacle of athletic achievement? To be Olympic champion is an exalted state. For the likes of Woods it would merely be a feather in his Nike festooned cap. For golfers it's the Masters or the British Open that matter most — not the Olympics.

One of the founders of the modern Games, Pierre de Coubertin, once uttered the following words. "All sports for all people," he declared. "In no way can sport be considered a luxury object."

It's doubtful he was talking about golf and the Olympics in the same breath.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## Nova Scotia earns first medals at Canada Games

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Nova Scotia picked up its first medals at the Canada Summer Games on Thursday and has a legitimate shot for at least one more on Saturday in Prince Edward Island.

The sailing team accounted for four of the medals, including a gold-medal finish for the Halifax duo of Jono Reid and Teddy Skiffington in the double-handed 29er.

Silver medals went to Halifax's Thomas Brosky in the men's laser; Halifax's Erin Rafuse in the women's laser; as well as the women's 29er team featuring Head of St. Mar-



**Jono Reid** **Teddy Skiffington**

garets Bay's Karen Dexter and Halifax's Dana Archibald.

Elsewhere, Dartmouth cyclist took bronze in men's road racing.

Meanwhile, on the basketball court, Halifax's Tyler Scott drained two of his team-high 23 points with 7.9 seconds remaining to lift Nova Scotia to a huge 83-81 over Ontario.

The semifinal triumph

over a national powerhouse puts Nova Scotia in Saturday's 10 a.m. gold-medal game against Quebec and moves the team one step closer to the province's first men's hoops medal since the 1987 Games in Sydney.

"Everybody here thought it was going to be an Ontario-Quebec final," said Nova Scotia's veteran head coach Tim Kendrick afterward. "We kind of ruined the party."

Dartmouth's Rodell Wigington had 16 points and six rebounds and Halifax's D.J. Smith chipped in with 14 points.

"It's huge for us to play for gold," Kendrick said. "Our players have played great all week."

### Sports in brief

**SAILING** The world laser sailing championship opened Thursday at the St. Margaret Sailing Club in Glen Haven. Tonci Stipanovic of Croatia grabbed top spot in the 169-foot fleet. Canada has four sailors in the top 25. Racing at the seven-day

event continues throughout the weekend.

**AUTO RACING** Enfield's Shawn Turple takes his lead atop the Carquest Pro Stock Tour into Saturday's Parts for Trucks 100 at Riverside Speedway at James River, Antigonish Co. Turple,

seeking his first career Carquest crown, has a slim five-point lead over defending champion Wayne Smith of Timberlea. Halifax's Wayne Smith, meanwhile, is only a point behind Smith as the season hits the home stretch. **METRO HALIFAX**



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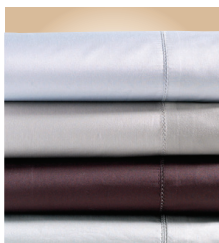
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The Washington Nationals introduced Mike Rizzo as the team's new general manager at a press conference Thursday. He had been acting GM since March. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Serena gets revenge for sister

**TENNIS** World No. 2 Serena Williams raced into the quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup on Thursday with a 6-1, 6-4 demolition of Ukrainian Alona Bondarenko.

Williams needed only 64 minutes on a blustery centre court to dispose of the world No. 33 and restore a bit of family honour after the Ukrainian's sister Kateryna had knocked out older sibling Venus in the second round.

Back on centre court just 15 hours after a second round victory over Yaroslava Shvedova, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion charged to a 5-0 lead on her way to taking the opening set.

Fourth seeded Russian Elena Dementieva booked her spot in the last eight with a ragged 6-1 1-6 6-4 win over Israel's Shahar Pe'er.

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## Sports in brief

**TRACK** South Africa's ruling party leapt on Thursday to the defence of a world champion runner undergoing a gender verification test, saying she was the country's "golden girl" and a role model for young athletes. Caster Semenya won the women's world 800 metres title with a crushing performance in Berlin on Wednesday.

**TENNIS** Roger Federer survived a scare at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday before recovering to beat Spaniard David Ferrer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the third round.

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# Canadians split opening day

Team starts Canadian senior baseball championship with narrow win, big loss

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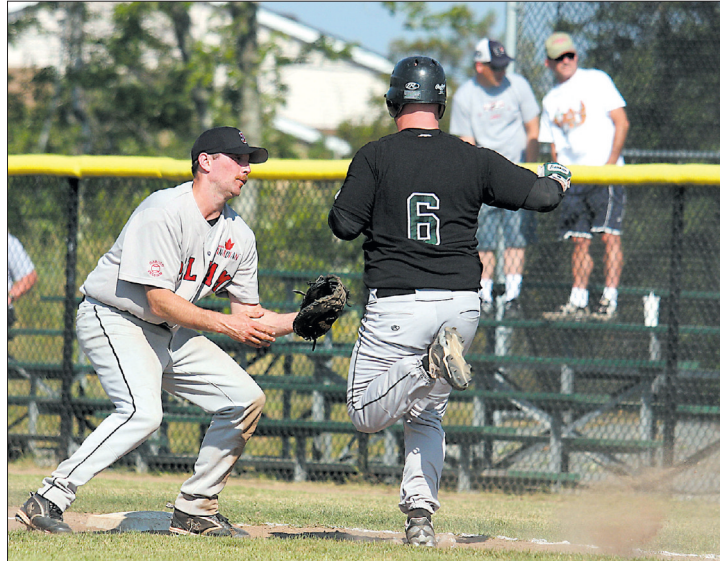
That's how Day 1 of the Canadian senior baseball championship turned out for the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians Thursday.

After edging the St. John's (N.L.) Capitals 5-4 in morning action at Mainland Common, Halifax was handed a 16-4 five-inning defeat by the Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) Athletics in afternoon play.

In the end, it wasn't the perfect start Halifax was hoping for, but it's good enough to keep them in playoff contention with two days left in round-robin play.

"We're happy where we're at right now," said Halifax second baseman Adam Lucas, who belted a two-run home run in the Canadians' win over St. John's.

"Of course, people are going to think what happened with 16-4, but we're not worried about that. We just want to come out and play



Jay Turple of the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians waits at first base to tag out Justin Miller of the Fort Saskatchewan (Alta.) Athletics in afternoon action at the Canadian senior baseball championship at Mainland Common on Thursday. The Athletics won 16-4.

the next game and go from there."

In the win over the Capitals, Lucas hit a two-run homer in the top of the seventh to give Halifax a 5-3

lead. St. John's scored once in the bottom of the inning, but that was it.

Against Alberta, the game was blown open in the top of the fourth when the Ath-

letics scored 10 runs, led by the bat of Justin Miller who hit two homers in the same inning.

Halifax is back in action Friday against Trail (B.C.)

## Bolt sets another record

**TRACK** Jamaica's Usain Bolt shattered his own 200-metre world record on Thursday to win gold at the world championships in a breathtaking 19.19 seconds and secure his place as the greatest sprinter ever seen.

One year exactly after he posted 19.30 seconds at the Beijing Olympics to beat Michael Johnson's "untouchable" 19.32 from the Atlanta Games, he sliced another 11 hundredths of a second off just as he did in Sunday's 100 when he ran 9.58.

Bolt, who turns 23 on Saturday, is now the world record holder and world

and Olympic champion in both sprints — something no other athlete has achieved.

"I was trying, I was dying," he said. "It wasn't a good race I can say but it was a fast one."

Jamaica's gold rush continued in the women's 400 hurdles when Olympic champion Melaine Walker ran the second-fastest time ever — 52.42 seconds — to take the island's tally to five.

Ryan Brathwaite of Barbados won the 110 hurdles in a blanket finish with the first three divided by one hundredth of a second.

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Usain Bolt of Jamaica crosses the line to win the gold medal in the men's 200-metre final Thursday at the 12th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Berlin.

## Dry suffer loss

• Jean-Philippe Lapointe's three-run home run in the top of the seventh inning propelled the Quebec provincial team to a come-from-behind 3-2 win over Dartmouth Moosehead Dry in the host team's opener at the Canadian senior baseball championship on Thursday night at Beazley Field.

• Dartmouth plays twice Friday. They face the Windsor (Ont.) Stars at noon and the Chatham (N.B.) Ironmen at 7 p.m. Both games are at Beazley Field.

Orioles at 4 p.m. at Mainland Common. Their other round-robin game is Saturday at noon against the Fredericton Royals at Mainland Common.

"Must-wins," Lucas said. "We want to go 3-1. If we go 2-2 then we just have to hope for the best. But we still have two really good pitchers going for us, so we have faith in them and faith in our bats. We hope that will carry us into the next round."

## BoSox complete sweep of Jays

### Boston 8 Toronto 1

**BASEBALL** J.D. Drew went 4-for-4 with a pair of homers and drove in three runs to help the Boston Red Sox sweep the Toronto Blue Jays in a three-game series with an 8-1 victory.

Jon Lester (10-7) threw a gem to get the win, going eight frames and giving up a run on three hits with five strikeouts compared with two walks.

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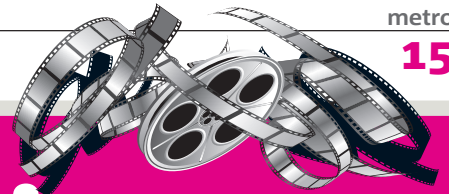


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## Movies

### What a Basterd

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There are parts of Quentin Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds* — featuring Mélanie Laurent, seen here — that are brilliant, but there are just as many that fall flat. If that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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Director shows he can do just about anything in *Shorts*.

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Jane Lynch hangs her hat on a hilarious new TV show.



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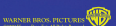
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# Little glory in Basterds

## Inglourious Basterds

**Director:** Quentin Tarantino  
**Stars:** Brad Pitt, Eli Roth  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ●●●

NED EHRBAR  
 Metro World News



There are parts of *Inglourious Basterds* — Quentin Tarantino's intentionally audacious fusing of spaghetti westerns and Second World War epics — that are brilliant. But there are just as many parts surrounding them that fall flat.

Tarantino loves playing with audience expectations as to who lives and dies, and here it can get frustrating, with time and dialogue lavished on seemingly important characters who get snuffed out with

minimal fanfare.

It's interesting, then, that the most compelling person in the film, the villain Col. Landa (Christoph Waltz), is pure convention: A smiling, charming and deliciously evil Nazi. That the character pops off the screen so well is all thanks to the incredible performance Austrian-born Waltz delivers. He commands the audience's attention, and richly rewards them for it.

His first chance to shine is perhaps the film's brightest moment, an opening sequence set in a French farmhouse in which Landa interrogates a farmer who may or may not be hiding a Jewish family. As a stand-alone scene, it is perhaps Tarantino's best ever. Conversely, another standalone scene, set in a German basement tavern, literally splits



Brad Pitt's character leads a team of American Jews in a revenge mission against Nazis in *Inglourious Basterds*.

the film down the middle, killing any momentum built up and cancelling out much of the work the story had done. It's quite frustrating — and the new best example of Tarantino's chronic self-indulgence going horribly wrong.

Two main sticking points keep *Basterds* from succeeding as a whole. The first is the name. The film

is being sold on Brad Pitt's titular team of American Jews on a mission of brutal revenge against Nazis. Except they're supporting characters at best, and most of their action takes place off-screen. (Of the eight *Basterds*, half don't even have dialogue.)

The other main problem is the intertwining of plot threads — or lack thereof.


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The climax of the film brings the biggest names of the Third Reich to a movie premiere in Paris, and we've watched two differ-

ent groups of heroes plot to use the event to end the war.

Without giving too much away, the two plots don't so much converge or complicate each other as cancel each other out. It's monumentally unsatisfying. And if that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.



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Disney has tapped director Robert Zemeckis to remake the Beatles' 1968 animated feature *Yellow Submarine*. Zemeckis will utilize the same 3-D performance-capture techniques that he employed in *The Polar Express* and *Beowulf*. **EW.COM**

**Zemeckis aboard *Yellow Submarine***

## Movies

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

# Kids' wishes come true

### Shorts

**Director:** Robert Rodriguez  
**Stars:** Jimmy Bennett, Jon Cryer  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ★★★★★

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



There's no debate about filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's extreme diversity. Whether its violent thrillers like *Sin City* or hyperkinetic juvenile triumphs like *Spy Kids*, the man has proven skills with imagination to boot.

And I'm not even talking about the fact that he writes, edits, scores and just about does everything short of making the crew's sandwiches on his movies.

Now, with *Shorts*, he's returned to testing the kiddy market with a chronologically-challenged fable about a rainbow-coloured rock that allows those in its posses-



Filmmaker Robert Rodriguez returns to *Spy Kids* territory with *Shorts*, starring Jimmy Bennett and James Spader.

sion anything they wish for.

For a young outcast like Toe Thompson (Jimmy

Bennett), that kind of opportunity opens a world without braces and an end to the bullying.

But when the rock falls into other hands, suddenly the neighbourhood kids must save the world from a corporate megalomaniac (James Spader), bipedal crocodiles and a carelessly flung snotball that morphs into a huge, hideous monster.

In short, the lesson is "be careful what you wish for."

While Rodriguez's message is simple (it's for kids after all), the film's structure is far from it.

With the visual splash of a *Tiny Toons* cartoon, the moral tone of a Dr. Seuss fable and its unadulterated aim at creating cinematic chaos as amusement, Rodriguez's latest adventure won't short-change the kids on fun.

However, their adult companions may find that *Shorts'* frantic, over-the-top pace may just short-circuit your synapses.

• For *Shorts* photos, a trailer and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies)

# Grad fails across board

### Post Grad

**Director:** Vicky Jensen  
**Stars:** Alexis Bleidel, Michael Keaton  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ★★

NED EHRBAR  
Metro World News



**REVIEW** It's tough pinpointing the most obnoxious part of *Post Grad*, a tale of 20-something misplaced priorities that has become more relevant than it deserves to be thanks to the recession. But the most offensive part, by far, is the wasted talent cast as the family of Alexis Bleidel's titular college graduate.

The filmmakers somehow managed to hook Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch and Carol Burnett, all comedic forces in their own right, to play the "quirky" father, mother and grandmother of Ryden Malby (Bleidel). And honestly, they all deserve much, much better.

As for Ryden herself, she tells us everything we need

to know about her in a quickie video blog over the opening credits.

She's had a plan since grade school, and everything is going according to that plan. Now that college is over, her next step is to land a job at "the top publishing company in Los Angeles."

While her career drama unfolds, we as the audience are supposed to agonize over Ryden not seeing the wonderful guy right in front of her, lovelorn BFF Adam (Zach Gilford).

All of this might be worth overlooking if the story followed any sort of logic. But no, instead we watch Ryden get beat out for her dream job, complain about her family, and mope.

Then, through no effort of her own, she suddenly gets her dream job after all. Not that it matters, since after a brief "excelling at work" montage, she gives it all up just as suddenly to follow her heart.

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**Dirty Dancing again?**

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# Never a dull moment with Tarantino

**InFocus**

**Richard Crouse**

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Quentin Tarantino doesn't care if you like him or his movies.

"My films are unabashedly about myself and you're either going to like them or go against them," he says, "but that's OK because I like me."

Tarantino's films — Pulp Fiction, Jackie Brown and Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2, to name a few — sharply polarize people. For every person who gets all aquiver at the prospect of a new picture from the Reservoir Dogs director, there's another who thinks his movies are too long, too self-indulgent and too

derivative.

Despite those criticisms, fair or not, there can be no argument that of all the brand name directors working today Tarantino is the most audacious. His films are a singular vision and this weekend's Inglourious Basterds is no exception.

His films are unapologetically bloody, in-your-face talky and ripe with larger-than-life characters, and perhaps it's those qualities that rub certain people the wrong way.

He refuses to play it safe and take the Michael Bay road churning out Hasbro movies. He's told interviewers he would die to make his movies perfect, and I believe him, but I'm a fan.

Not all critics are. Writer Ryan Gilbey said Death Proof represented "a sort of embarrassment of riches, only without the riches," and more recently the Guardian called Inglourious Basterds "an armor-



Harvey Keitel in Reservoir Dogs, the film that heralded the arrival of Quentin Tarantino.

plated turkey." Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but I think the Tarantino hecklers miss the point.

Tarantino is a provocateur who excels when he doesn't play nice with the audience. Unlike the vast

majority of films at the local bijou, his films demand something from an audience; they demand to be noticed and argued about over coffee (or something stronger) afterward. Many films fade quickly from

memory, but, like them or not, Tarantino's don't.

When he's at his best—Reservoir Dogs, Pulp Fiction and Inglourious Basterds — the movies are transformative cinematic experiences, but even

**"You're either going to like them or go against them."**

Quentin Tarantino on his films

when he's not in top form — say, Death Proof — his work is, as critic Peter Bradshaw said, "more interesting than the successes of dullards and middleweights churning out Identikit films by the truckload."

Tarantino's films aren't for everyone, but it's undeniable that he takes movies seriously.

So seriously in fact, that the heroine in Inglourious Basterds is a cinema owner who literally uses film to bring down the Third Reich. I love that.

Say what you will, you can never accuse Tarantino of being boring.

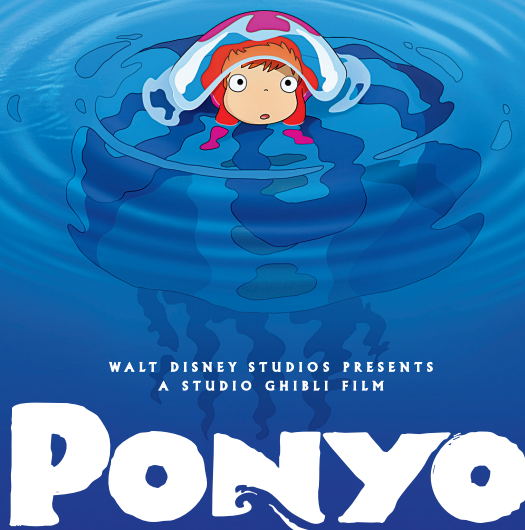
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## Billboard's top albums

1. Twang, George Strait, right; 2. Hot August Night/NYC, Neil Diamond; 3. The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; 4. Hot Mess, Cobra Starship; 5. Only By the Night, Kings of Leon. METRO NEWS SERVICES



## Music

# Shiloh gets the Picture

CAM LINDSAY  
for Metro Canada

**Celine Dion, Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. What do these artists have in common? Well, if you were to ask the red and black haired spitfire from Regina, Sask., known simply as Shiloh, she'd tell you they're her biggest influences. That and "a lot of '80s music," thanks to her dad.**

Her feisty, radio-friendly tunes like Operator (A Girl Like Me) and Goodbye, You Suck suggest this 16-year-old was raised on a steady diet of crunchy pop punk, but get her talking about Celine Dion and Shiloh is in awe.

"She's worked really hard to get to where she is today," she says. "(Celine's) extremely focused and stays in shape, and she's got an amazing voice, determination, motivation, and the drive to be the best she can be."

While Shiloh's just re-

leased her debut album, Picture Imperfect, the way she describes Canada's most successful export it's as if she's planning a similar path for her burgeoning career.

After winning a radio contest in Edmonton, Shiloh signed a worldwide deal with Universal Republic and has spent the last two and a half years making the album. She calls it the "best feeling in the world" to finally have Picture Imperfect available to her growing legion of fans, so she can continue spreading a message that she feels is important to hear.

"The message is just being yourself and never letting that go because that's one thing that you can always keep," she says. "Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are."

Though most of the album focuses on the importance of being yourself, Shiloh's favourite song is



Picture Imperfect is the debut album from Shiloh.

actually the kiss off anthem Goodbye, You Suck, which she wrote about an unsuspecting ex-boyfriend

of hers. "It was to a guy I was with who was a complete and total jerk, so I wrote a song about it be-

**"Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are."**

Shiloh

cause I just hated him at the time," she says laughing. "I've talked to him in the last while and it's totally fine. It's a little bit awkward though because he asked me one day if the song was about him and I just said no."

The song will definitely be a crowd favourite on her 17-date headlining Canadian tour throughout August and September. "The tour is gonna be so exciting," she exclaims. "I'm looking forward to getting out there with the band to see all of my fans. They're gonna be energy packed shows. I like to call it an ADHD show because I like to run around and be crazy. It's gonna be absolutely amazing."

## Metro recommends

• **Nice, Nice, Very Nice, Dan Mangan:**

Vancouver singer-songwriter delivers a wide range of ornate indie folk-rock.

• **La Roux,**

**La Roux:** Super-catchy U.K. electro-pop soaked in '80s synths, crisp dance beats and Elly Jackson's sharp falsetto.

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## TOP 10 RINGTONES

- 1 I Gotta Feeling Black Eyed Peas
- 2 I Know You Want Me Pitbull
- 3 Fire Burning Sean Kingston
- 4 Boom Boom Pow Black Eyed Peas
- 5 Birthday Sex Jeremih
- 6 Day N Nite Kid Cudi
- 7 One Time Justin Bieber
- 8 Knock You Down Kerli Hilson
- 9 Paparazzi Lady Gaga
- 10 I'm On a Boat Lonely Island

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ROGERS

## Surviving the dog days of summer

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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The last two weeks of August are a rather desperate time. Those who have already exhausted their summer vacations are grumpy over the prospect of no time off until Christmas.

If you're still with me after that cheerful preamble, here are a couple of musical things that may distract you from the fact that in two weeks, it'll be Labour Day:

**New Radiohead:** Something weird is going on with Thom and Co. First, for one pound sterling, you can download a song called Harry Patch (In Memory Of), dedicated to the passing of the last British First World War vet. Then, a second song called These Are My Twisted Words was leaked online by the band themselves along with some primitive ASCII art-

work which may (or may not) point towards the release of a new EP called Wall of Ice. We'll see.

**Solo Jack White:** In the year's best music documentary, It Might Get Loud (wherein Jack, U2's The Edge and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin swap guitar stories), Jack was challenged to write and record a song before the cameras.

It took 10 minutes. Now people worldwide are buying Fly Farm Blues at 99 cents a pop on iTunes.

**The iPad (or whatever they're going to call it):** According to those who monitor Chinese and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing plants, Apple's mythical tablet — a combo music, movie, email device, web browser and ebook reader — could be in production.

**U2 comes to North America:** For the first time since 1984, they started a world tour in Europe. Reviews have been rapturous and The Claw stage has people gobsmacked. Things start in Chicago on Sept. 12.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

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Whitney Houston is coming to Oprah Winfrey's famous couch. Winfrey, 55, will welcome Houston as her first guest on the The Oprah Winfrey Show's 24th season, which airs Sept. 14. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Television

## Jane Lynch top of her game in Glee

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Metro World News

Jane Lynch has had a busy month at the movies, stealing scenes alongside Carol Burnett in *Post Grad* and Meryl Streep in *Julie & Julia*.

But August is nothing compared to the exposure Lynch is set to receive come September, when the much-anticipated Fox

series *Glee* starts up in earnest.

The first episode — which opens with Lynch's domineering, over-competitive cheerleading coach chastising her team with, "You think this is hard? Try being waterboarded." — got a boost to its profile thanks to a sneak preview after the American Idol season finale and some major support from TV critics and fans at last

month's Comic Con.

And Lynch has been a major part of the marketing for the ensemble show.

"I feel like I'm doing a lot of press," she says. But she's not complaining. "I'm not one of those people who's like, 'Deep down inside I'm really shy.'"

**Glee premieres Wednesday, Sept. 9 on Global**

Though best known for standout roles in films like *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and last year's *Role Models*, Lynch started 2009 firmly committed to moving to the small screen.

"My New Year's resolution was I want to hang my

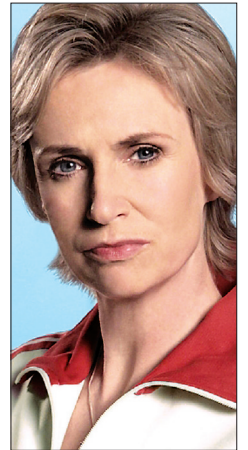
hat somewhere," she says. And that led her to taking part in two pilots, *Glee* and a Damon Wayans comedy for ABC that didn't see the light of day.

"I didn't know if it would be *Glee* or the Damon Wayans thing or anything," she says. But when the little show about a bunch of high school outcasts breaking into song got picked up, Lynch says she was thrilled.

"I think (*Glee*) is just head and shoulders above anything that's on TV. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's really good."

The reason it's so good, she insists, has little to do with her (though many would argue that point). Lynch gives all the credit to her younger co-stars. "The kids are amazing," she gushes.

"These are talented people. They work so hard. I just sashay in and I sashay out. But they're recording and rehearsing and dancing and then shooting and



Jane Lynch stars in *Glee*.

getting up at five in the morning and working until 10 at night."

But it's more than worth it, she says. And if audiences liked the pilot, they're going to love what comes next. "The first episode I think is amazing," she says, "but it just gets better and better."

## FRIDAY

## cable variety

## SATURDAY

## cable variety

## SUNDAY

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HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Supernanny	Ugly Betty (HDTV)	20/20		
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Supernanny	Monk	Atlantis			
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Quest for the West	Wild Roses (DVS)	CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour			
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer	Medium	NUMB3RS		
6	6	6	CHH	ET Canada	ET Canada	NUMB3RS (HDTV)	The Unit "Bad Beat"	Mental	News Final (N)			
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Criminal Minds	Ghost Whisperer	Castle (HDTV)	News			
36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	NFL Preseason Football Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys				
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Southland (HDTV PA)	Dateline NBC			
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR	Poker	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Montreal Alouettes (HDTV)	Score Tonight				
53	53	53	TSN	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Montreal Alouettes (HDTV)	Score Tonight				
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)	Criminal Minds "Lo-Fi"	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal				
70	70	70	APTN	APTN National News (N)	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Spirit	Tribal Treks	I Love You to Death *** (1990, Comedy)			
37	37	37	BRVO	Wind at My Back	Rockability 514	Bravo! Fact	A Prairie Home Companion *** (2006, Comedy)					
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Corner Gas	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Com-Presents		
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360				
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Canada's Worst Handyman	Man vs. Wild "Belize"	Forensic				
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	House	Property	House	Extreme	Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House	
46	46	46	HIST	Legends	Legends	NCIS "Requiem"	Jurassic Fight Club	Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truck		
17	17	17	MM	On Set	disBand	One Tree Hill	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	A Walk to Remember (2002, Romance)			
206	206	206	PIX	(5:40) Jackie Brown *** (1997)	(8:20) We All Fall Down *** (2000)				In the Line of Fire (1993, Suspense)			
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits	The Best Years (DVS)	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park		
40	40	40	SLICE	So Chic	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear	Masters of Reception	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear		
22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Friends	Most Haunted Midsummer	Fatal Attraction *** (1987, Suspense)	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star 2	Big *** (1988, Fantasy) Tom Hanks, Robert Loggia.							

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Legend of the Seeker	According-Jim	War of the Worlds *** (2005, Science Fiction)				
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Wall of Secrets (2003, Suspense) Nicole Eggert. (DVS)			Jeff Tull	Comedy Inc.	W Five		
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Pregame	WTA Tennis Rogers Cup -- Semifinal: From Toronto. (Live)			Laughs	Intelligence		
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight	Without a Trace "True"		48 Hours Mystery	48 Hr. Mystery		
6	6	6	CHH	Healthy Ever After	Doc				Doc	News Final (N)		
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE (DVS)	Doomstown (2006, Drama) Chris "K.C." Collins.				Law & Order: SVU	News		
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted	Fox First		
12	12	12	NBC	News	Access Hollywood (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Schwab	Schwab	Law/Ord SVU	Law/Ord SVU		
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection	Schwab	Schwab	MMA Show	Final Score	Final Score	
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	NASCAR Racing	Sprint Cup -- Sharpie 500. (HDTV)	From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live)					
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami		
70	70	70	APTN	Cooking	MYTV	Arbor Live	The Mix	Music Speaks	Big Spender (2003, Drama) Casper Van Dien.	The Opposite of Sex (1998, Comedy)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Spectacle: Elvis	Corner Gas	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Paul Mooney
49	49	49	COM	VIP	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Campbell Brown	Larry King Live	Newsroom			
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Newsroom	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Dirty Jobs "Maggot Farmer"	Destroyed	
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	Qubit (N)	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Dirty Jobs "Maggot Farmer"	Destroyed	
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Colin & Justin's Home Heist	Ship of Ice Ship of Ice.	Crime Stories	The Green Mile *** (1999, Drama)	Muchmusic Countdown			
46	46	46	HIST	Unlocking the Past	A Walk to Remember *** (2002, Romance)							
17	17	17	MM	You Can Dance	(8:15) Dragonheart *** (1996, Fantasy)							
206	206	206	PIX	Indiana Jones--Last Crusade	(8:15) Dragonheart *** (1996, Fantasy)							
39	39	39	SHOW	Legacy of Fear (2006, Suspense)	(HDTV) Teri Polo.	Devil's Diary (2007, Suspense) Deanna Casalupe.	Trainspotting					
40	40	40	SLICE	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Real Housewives OC	Real Housewives OC	The Millionaire Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Moving Up (N)		
21	21	21	TLC	Lottery Changed My Life	Lottery Changed My Life	Jon & Kate	18 Kids-Count	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Moving Up (N)		
22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Style by Jury	What a Girl Wants * (2003, Comedy-Drama) Colin Firth.	In the Land of Women ** (2007)					
27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life	Prank Patrol	

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31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos	Be a Millionaire	Shark Tank (N)	Defying Grav			
7	7	7	ASN	Smallville	Funniest Home Videos	Hole in the Wall	Hole in the Wall	Hole in the Wall	Monk			
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (DVS)	Mission: Impossible III *** (2006, Action)				Doctor Who			
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV)	(9:01) Big Brother 11	Neighborhood	Cold Case			
6	6	6	CHH	16:9 Picture	American Dad	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)		
9	9	9	CJCH	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (N)	Merlin (N)	You Can Dance	Defying Gravity (N)	News			
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (N)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First	
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Merlin (HDTV) (N)	Merlin (N)	Miss Universe 2009 (HDTV) (Live)				
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Facts-Fishing	The WWE Experience	BodogFight	Final Score	Final Score	Pokerstars		
53	53	53	TSN	(6) IndyCar Racing	Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma.	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal			
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Arbor Live	Return to Lonesome Dove "Part Four"					
70	70	70	APTN	New Canoe	MYTV	The Mix	Music Speaks	World of M.G. Vassanji	The Italian Job (2003, Crime Drama)			
37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Bravo! Fact	Laughs	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy
49	49	49	COM	VIP	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Bravo! Fact	Laughs	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom	Newsroom	MythBusters	Nature's Most Amazing	Larry King Live	Nature's Most Amazing	MythBusters		
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	House	House	Extreme Makeover: Home	MythBusters	MythBusters		
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans	House	House	House	Extreme Makeover: Home	MythBusters	MythBusters		
46	46	46	HIST	Tank Overhaul	Lost Worlds	House	House	Extreme Makeover: Home	MythBusters	MythBusters		
17	17	17	MM	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew	House	House	Extreme Makeover: Home	MythBusters	MythBusters		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Driven * (2001, Action)	Passenger 57 *** (1992, Action)							
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Guard (HDTV)	The Unquiet (2007, Suspense) Cara Buono.	Rescue Me				
40	40	40	SLICE	X-Weighted	Instant Beauty Pageant	Trinity, Susannah Undress	Real Housewives NYC	Style-Famous	Style-Famous	Style-Famous		
21	21	21	TLC	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	World's Tallest Woman	My Shocking Story (N)	My Shocking Story (N)	Judicial Ind.				
22	22	22	W	Land Women	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery Bag	Style by Jury	Held Hostage (2009, Suspense) Julie Benz.	Judicial Ind.			
27	27	27	YTV	Barry: The Original Party Animals (2006, Comedy)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life	Adrenaline			



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## In brief

**LAWSUIT** Talk show host Oprah Winfrey and television expert Dr. Mehmet Oz, a frequent guest on Winfrey's show, sued more than 50 businesses Wednesday, saying they had falsely claimed the pair endorsed various products. The lawsuit said many of the offers made by the companies enticed consumers into "credit card scams or other fraudulent schemes." The suit said the actions had "gravely injured" their reputations. REUTERS

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**Hawkes gets Lost**

John Hawkes has been cast in the final season of ABC's *Lost*, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Hawkes will reportedly play a character named Lennon, who is "the spokesperson/translator for the president of a foreign corporation." **EW.COM**

movies&entertainment **25****Television**

The Jay Leno Show debuts Sept. 14 at 10 p.m.

## Working overtime in new prime-time

**After 17 years of late night TV chat, Jay Leno says he's working harder than ever to fill his eagerly-anticipated new prime-time show with comedy.**

"It's a lot of material to fill. It is a lot of jokes. This is lot more work. A lot more work. You're doing probably three shows worth of comedy every night," Leno told reporters on Wednesday.

"On The Tonight Show we had maybe two talking guests and a band. That's not a lot of work for me. But this will be a lot more work," he said.

Leno, 59, said The Jay Leno Show was heavier on comedy than talk and that he planned to open each night with an 8-12 minute

The most exciting new venture for Leno, an avid collector of vintage cars, is the installment of a race car track outside his TV studio in suburban Los Angeles.

Celebrities will be invited to power round the track against the clock in an electric car challenge for a place on a roll of honour of the fastest times over the season.

Leno said actor Tom Cruise and Grey's Anatomy star Patrick Dempsey were among those eager to take part.

Leno's move from 11:30 p.m. to the prime-time 10 p.m. slot traditionally occupied by expensive scripted drama on leading U.S. networks is being closely

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watched by the industry as NBC struggles to retain audiences and cut costs in the face of declining advertising revenue and increased competition from videogames and social networking.

"We can do five shows for less than the price of one CSI or Law & Order episode," he said. But Leno again shrugged off suggestions that the future of NBC, currently lagging in last place in terms of viewership among the four major TV networks, hinged on the success or failure of his new venture.

"We're not here to revolutionize anything or change the world. It is just a comedy show," he said. "We'll try this and see what happens. I just work here."

REUTERS

### Scrubs fills out regular cast

**ROLES** Michael Mosley and up-and-comer Kerry Bishe have landed the remaining two new starring roles on ABC's

Scrubs. They join Dave Franco as the three new regulars on the veteran comedy, which is shifting its setting to a medical school next season.

Mosley, recently seen in The Proposal, will play

Drew, a scruffy and attractive thirtysomething med student, who is getting his second shot at medical school after a major meltdown 10 years ago.

Bishe will play Lucy, a 22-year-old first-year med

student who is an attractive all-American girl and the first in her close-knit family of commercial fishermen to go to college. Lucy is overwhelmed by the pressure of the workload.

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## 26 movies&amp;entertainment

Actor Tony Danza is heading to Philadelphia to shoot A&E's new reality show *Teach* at Northeast High School. The city's School Reform Commission voted 3-1 Wednesday to approve the filming of 13 episodes of the show. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Going Out

Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

# 1 Inglourious Basterds

**FILM** There are plenty of good summer movies

in theatres right now. But are you going to sit out the opportunity to watch Brad Pitt and his gang of Basterds hunt for "Nazi scalps" in a Quentin Tarantino Second World War fantasy? Really? We didn't think so.



# 2 Top Chef Las Vegas

**TV** It's season 6 of Bravo's reality cookoff, and 17 new "chefs" are trying their culinary skills (and luck) in Sin City. Plenty of kitchen drama, some mouth-watering food and gorgeous host Padma Lakshmi make this show a cut above the rest.

# 3 Rudo y Cursi

**DVD** Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna — two of the hottest global stars — team up with Y Tu Mama Tambien writer Carlos Cuarón for this tragicomic romp through the world of fame and soccer. It may not reach the heights of Tambien (already a foreign cinema classic), but the improvisational thespianism of Bernal and Luna is as good as movies get.



# 4 Imperial Blaze: Sean Paul

**ALBUM** It's never too late for a summer block party and Sean Paul's fourth album can even get your mom dancing on the streets. The reggae-dancehall star serves up plenty of juice here — So Fine and Press It Up are standouts but any of the 20 tracks will do the trick. Just push play and get burnin'.

# 5 The Girl Who Played With Fire: Stieg Larsson

**BOOK** Investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist and cyberpunk anti-heroine Lisbeth Salander are back in this sequel to *The Girl on the Train*. The novel that put the late Swedish author on top of the contemporary thriller pile. The new instalment is already burning up charts around the world (including Canada) and rumour has it that George Clooney, Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt are all interested in playing Blomkvist on film.

# 6 Batman: Arkham Asylum

**GAME** Finally a Batman title that's supposed to do for gaming what *The Dark Knight* did for Batman films — take the franchise to a new level of artistic sophistication. Here, the caped crusader takes on a whole bunch of psychotic supervillains, including The Joker and The Riddler.

# 7 United Breaks Guitars: Song 2

**VIDEO** The Dave Carroll recipe for success: Write a song about how United Airlines broke your guitar. Post the video. Repeat, if desired, for best results. The Halifax musician has returned with another instalment of his viral video — this time with bigger and better production. The original clip has been viewed almost five million times on YouTube.

## Mix of Six

## The Village People

When: Friday & Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

From *Macho Man* to *YMCA*, you'll hear all the hits from this legendary dance band. Tickets are \$36.50, plus taxes.

## Weir Rockin 2009

When: Saturday, 7 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Weir Field, Upper Sackville

Trooper with Harlequin and Chambermade as the opening acts headlines the annual outdoor music concert. Tickets are \$30.

## Canadian senior men's baseball

When: Through Sunday

Where: Beazley Field, Dartmouth

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## QMJHL

When: Sunday, 6 p.m.

Where: Halifax Forum

The Halifax Mooseheads play their first home game of the exhibition season Sunday when the Prince Edward Island Rocket come to town. Tickets can be purchased prior to the game.

## Nuts4Ribs

When: Saturday

Where: Halifax waterfront

Canada's only ribfest to raise awareness of testicular cancer and men's health issues features a day full of events, including a performance by Matt Minglewood.

## Eastern Passage Music Festival

When: Friday & Saturday

Where: Fisherman's Cove

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## Jon &amp; Kate loses viewers

Jon & Kate Plus 8 is shedding viewers at a record pace. The TLC reality show only drew three million viewers Monday night — down half a million from last Monday's show. [USMAGAZINE.COM](http://USMAGAZINE.COM)



## Entertainment

# Southern Vampires

True Blood is the small-screen equivalent of Twilight

**Vampires are more in than ever: After the roaring success of the Twilight series, True Blood is having the same effect, only on the small screen.**

The HBO series is based on The Southern Vampire Mysteries books, written by Charlaine Harris. She has already penned nine volumes on the series, which looks at the experiences and dark love of Sookie Stackhouse — played by Anna Paquin in the TV series.

Metro World News recently sat down with Harris to talk about the growing interests in TV and film vampires.

**Q You started the Sookie Stackhouse books back in 2001 before the big vampire craze. Why were you interested in vampires, and why have you dedicated a whole series to them?**

**A** The series is actually about the young human woman who is dating a vampire. I thought that would be a more interesting approach. It seemed to be that it would be interesting to write about characters who are so different from humans, who have seen so much history.

**Q Why do you think the topic of vampires became so popular so sudden?**

**A** I am sure the Twilight series had something to do with it, but actually this has been building for the past 10 years or so.

**Q You write other series also featuring girls with superpowers. What interests you in these characters?**

**A** I don't really think of them as having superpowers; they have more like a disability. Sookie is telepathic, and that is a great burden. Harper had to be struck by lightning before she became able to find corpses. Though she makes her living doing that, it's not a pleasant way of life.

**Q What makes a good book for you? What do you like to read in your free time?**

**A** I love to be engaged in the story the writer is telling. I love to read, and I read many, many writers. I read some mystery, I read some



Anna Paquin stars as Sookie Stackhouse in HBO's True Blood.

science fiction, I read a little romance and a little non-fiction.

**Q How much do you read weekly? Where is your ideal reading spot?**

**A** I read three or four books a week. I can read anywhere, but I have a comfortable chair in our bedroom and one in our family room; both of these

are good for reading.

**Q How would your ideal vampire look like? What attracts people in vampires?**

**A** I don't have an ideal vampire. I think people are fascinated by the eternal vigour of vampires, who don't age. • True Blood airs on HBO Canada.

METRO WORLD NEWS

## Jackson Brothers reality series

**TV** Before Michael Jackson died, his brothers filmed a one-hour pilot for A&E that was supposed to include a reunion performance with Michael. But he never agreed to it, didn't do it, and died before it could be discussed again.

But sources say that A&E will go forward with a series of further episodes that will chronicle the Jackson brothers' lives and show them grappling with Michael's death.

An A&E spokesman declined comment; sources close to the network said the deal for a series isn't

done yet. The original A&E deal was for a pilot with provisions for a series.

It hasn't been decided whether the footage that exists will be shaped into half-hour or hourlong sessions.

Meanwhile, the pilot — which might include at least a reference at its end that Michael has died — will air on A&E within the month, sources say.

The deal was put together by Danny O'Donovan, who has managed the group since they left Motown in the late 1970s.

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**Dennehy finds Redemption behind camera**

Film, TV and stage star Brian Dennehy will make his big-screen directing debut with the fact-based drama *Redemption*. In it, a man crusades for the release of a woman who is wrongfully jailed for a murder and robbery. **REUTERS**

**Entertainment**

# Pop goes the opera star

**When Danielle de Niese goes on her frequent international tours, she carries a visa listing her occupation as Opera Singer.**

Customs officials usually react with disbelief: "But you don't look like an opera singer!"

At 30, de Niese, slim and gorgeous, is one of today's hottest opera stars.

"There have always been beautiful opera singers," she points out.

"But today we live in a very visual age. As an opera singer, you have to be able to both sing and act, and there's always someone who records the performance and puts it

on YouTube."

Such performances are worth watching; today's new opera stars defy people's notion of opera as a boring art form performed by fat, old singers.

Perhaps that's why Vanity Fair recently featured a photo spread of several opera stars, and *Playboy* let readers vote on the "hottest classical babe."

"30 years ago, opera singers didn't work out, but today going to the gym is often as important to them as going to rehearsals," explains Sarah Billingham, the assistant manager in charge of artistic programming at the Metropolitan Opera in

**Double threat**

Some other supremely talented, gorgeous opera singers:

- Who's David Beckham compared to Uruguayan bass Erwin Schrott?
- Schrott's wife is Anna Netrebko, a leading soprano.
- Evgeny Nikitin is a tattoo-

covered Russian bass-baritone who also performs in a heavy-metal band.

- Lisette Aropresa is an American mezzo-soprano (and Vanessa Hudgens look-alike).
- Italian bass-baritone Luca Pisaroni.

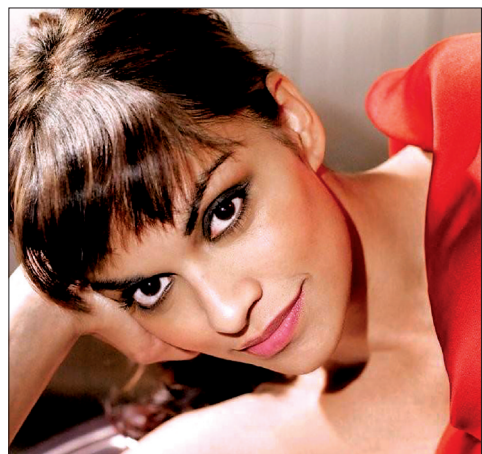
New York.

"Today there are many fabulous singers who also look fantastic on stage. And female singers, in particular, are very sophisticated about how they look on stage and in photo shoots."

De Niese, a Dutch-Sri

Lankan who was born in Australia, is no opera nerd: As a teenager in Los Angeles, she danced and hosted a TV show for teenagers.

"I had many career options, but classical music is like a love affair," she says. "And opera has the potential to reach huge audi-



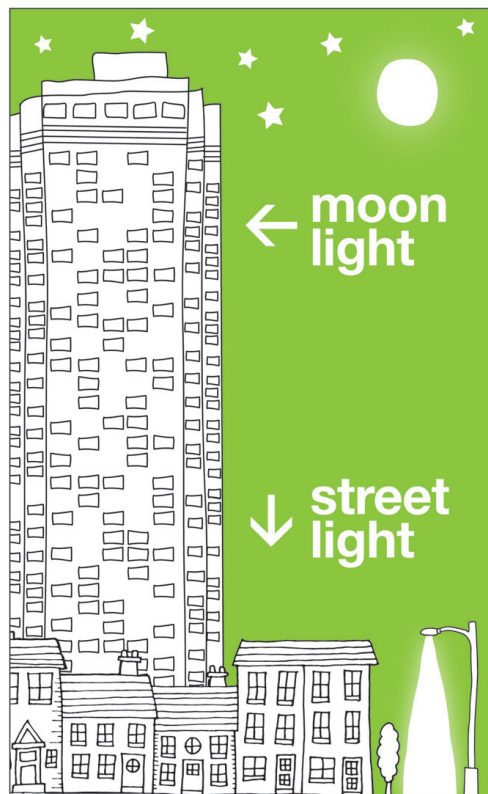
No fat ladies here: Opera star Danielle de Niese says in such a visual age, modern opera singers must finely groom their images.

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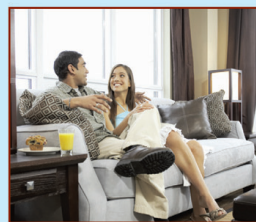
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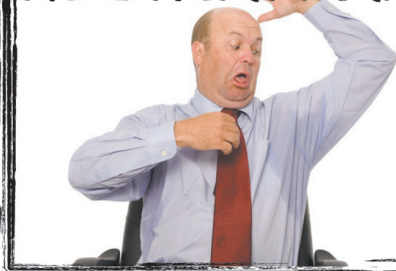
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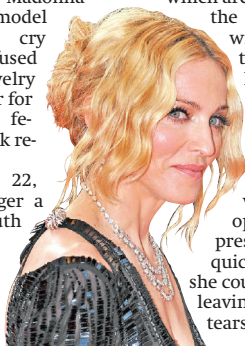
Katy Perry's womanly charms have helped raise \$3,000 US for a cancer charity — a generous fan has snapped up a plaster cast of the singer's breasts at an auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Jesus cries if he wants to at Madge's party

**HEARTBREAKER** Madonna made her model boyfriend cry when she refused to wear jewelry he bought her for her birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jesus Luz, 22, gave the singer a set of South American good-luck bracelets, made of thin ribbons



which are said to grant the wearer three wishes when they break, at her 51st birthday party on Sunday.

Madonna smiled when she opened the present, but was quick to tell Luz she couldn't wear it, leaving him in tears.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Madonna said that although she loved the bracelets she wouldn't wear them because they clashed with her Kabbalah bracelets."

"Jesus was crestfallen and he had words with her."

Later the same night, Madonna praised her lover in a speech at the party before running across the room to passionately kiss him. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### Céline's second test-tube baby

**PREGNANCY** Céline Dion, now expecting her second child, is "very excited," said her doctor, Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, who performed the in vitro fertilization procedure that made the 41-year-old singer's pregnancy possible, people.com reports.

When he called her earlier this week to say the pregnancy test was positive, "You could hear her chuckling," he said. "She was very happy. So was

(husband René Angélil). They are both very thankful."

Rosenwaks implanted an embryo that had been kept frozen in liquid nitrogen for the past eight years.

Dion had her embryos frozen when she went

through IVF while trying to conceive her first child, René-Charles, who was born in 2001. When she completed her performance run in Las Vegas in 2007, "she came back to have the embryos transferred back because she wanted to have another baby," he said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



### Amy back to wild partying days?

**UH OH** Amy Winehouse reportedly went on a 48-hour bender in London.

Photographers spotted her sporting a burned finger and runny nose with flecks of white powder around her nose and mouth, according to the Sun.

The troubled singer showed

up at a Primrose Hill pub with some pals — including Liza Minelli's ex-husband David Gest.

"Amy couldn't even stand when she came in. It was only 8:45 p.m.," a source told the newspaper.

"Everyone at the bar was moaning about them being there."

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**



### Future mom a virtual stranger?

**OUCH** Jude Law doesn't even remember the mother-to-be of his fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

A friend of Samantha Burke — who is pregnant with the star's baby — claims she hasn't seen or been in personal contact with the actor after their brief

fling. The unnamed pal told E! Online: "Jude didn't even remember her. She hasn't seen him since New York. They've only been in contact through their lawyers."

The friend also said she believes Burke is "crazy" to go through with the pregnancy. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



### Simon's soft spot for dogs

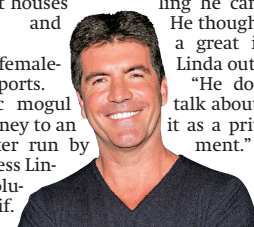
**ANIMAL LOVER** Simon Cowell secretly donates more than \$150,000 US a year to a shelter that houses "neglected and abandoned" poches, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The music mogul gives the money to an animal shelter run by Exorcist actress Linda Blair in Toluca Lake, Calif.

A source said, "Simon is a huge dog lover but because he's always traveling he can't have one. He thought it would be a great idea to help Linda out."

"He doesn't like to talk about it as he sees it as a private arrangement."

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### Fans freak me out: Kristen

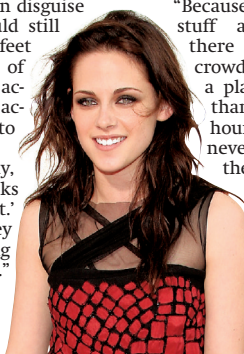
**RABID TEEN FANS** Kristen Stewart admits she's completely freaked out by her obsessive fans.

"I'm scared. I feel like I could go out in disguise but they would still recognize my feet or the shape of my leg," the actress said, according to Hollyscoop. "They'd say, 'Hey, she looks about right.' And they would just bag me. It's scary."

And Stewart admits she's not adapting to fame all that easily. "I can't remember what my normal life is like," she said.

"Because of Internet stuff and Twitter, there will be a crowd if you are in a place for more than half an hour. I've learned never to stay in the same place for more than 20 minutes."

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### Robert denies single quotes

**WAIT A MINUTE** Robert Pattinson has fired back at tabloid reports he's single and looking for love, insisting he never spoke to the newspaper that quoted him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

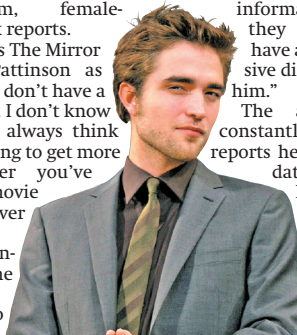
Britain's The Mirror quoted Pattinson as stating, "I don't have a girlfriend. I don't know why. You always think you're going to get more girls after you've made a movie and it never happens."

But he insists he never spoke to

the tabloid. His publicist said, "Robert did not speak to the Mirror, and their claim that they spoke to him a few days ago is manufactured along with any information that they claim to have as an exclusive directly from him."

The actor has constantly denied reports he is secretly dating Twilight co-star Kristen Stewart.

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### Sting sex rumour a fake: Daughter

**TOO MUCH INFORMATION**

Sting's daughter Coco Summer wants everyone to know that the legends about her dad's bedroom prowess — rumoured eight-hour bedroom sessions thanks to tantric sex — are completely false. "Bob Geldof made up this thing and it stuck," she told Love magazine.

"It's embarrassing when people bring it up ... They love each other. So what?"

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### George faces off with Bill O'Reilly

**ARGUMENT** George Clooney's long-standing feud with Bill O'Reilly, dating back to different views on 9-11, is fired up again after the Fox News host questioned whether topless shots reportedly taken of a teenager at the actor's Italian home exist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Clooney revealed his plans to sue the paparazzo he claimed scaled the walls of his Lake Como villa to shoot a young guest changing in her bedroom.

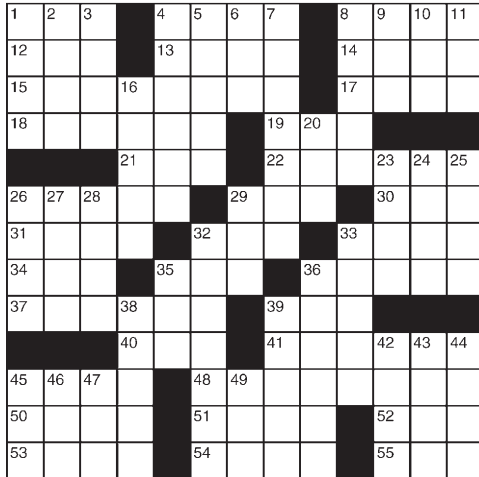
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## Take Five



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12 Latin 101 word  
13 Tom Joad type  
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15 Indoor sport  
17 Marvel Comics mutants  
18 With craft  
19 Afternoon social  
21 "— Miserables"  
22 GM communications device  
26 Refine metal  
29 Auction action  
30 Shock partner  
31 Viscous  
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34 Spoon-bender Geller  
35 Pair  
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37 First First Lady  
39 Broadcast  
40 "— the ram parts ..."  
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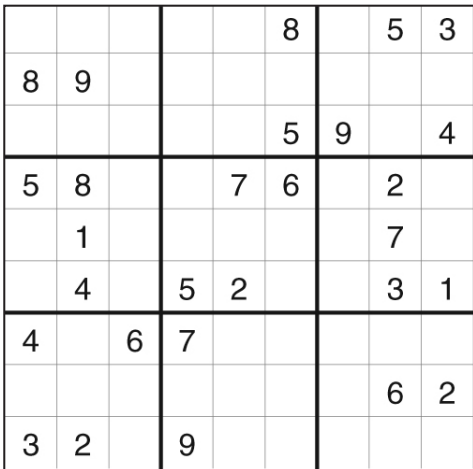
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8 Michener title  
9 Drone  
10 Exist  
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16 Humdinger  
20 Tackle's teammate  
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26 Run-down part of town  
27 Actress  
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29 Story of a lifetime?  
32 Was much bigger than  
33 Topiarist's canvas  
35 Commonest English word  
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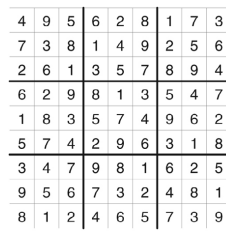
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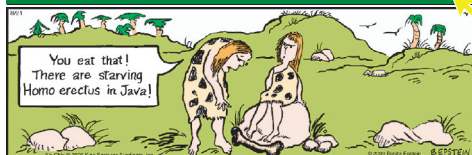
**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Pork with Watermelon Salsa

## INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) seeded chopped watermelon  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped strawberries  
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped kiwi  
1/4 cup chopped peaches  
3 tbsp (45 ml) lime juice  
4 tsp (20 ml) honey  
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime peel  
1 to 2 mint leaves, chopped  
1/2 cup (125 ml) peach preserves  
3 pork tenderloins (3/4 lb/375 g each)

## METHOD:

1. Coat barbecue rack or grill pan rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting. Prepare bar-

becue for indirect heat, using a drip pan. Salsa: in a small bowl, combine the fruit, lime juice, honey, lime peel and mint; set aside. In a pot, heat the preserves for 1 minute. 2. Grill pork, covered, over indirect medium-hot heat for 15 minutes. Turn; brush with some of the preserves. Grill 10-15 minutes longer or until juices run clear and a meat thermometer reads 160 F (71 C), basting occasionally with preserves. Serve with salsa.

SERVES 6

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



This could be an emotional day, if not for the person you are certainly for someone you are close to.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



The planets warn that if you try to push an issue today you will lose out in a big way. Everything that is meant to happen will happen at the proper time.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Don't let your responsibilities weigh you down. You may have no choice but to work hard and help other people but you must also do things for yourself.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



No matter where you may be and no matter what you may be doing you must think positive.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



It's not often you give in to despair but the cosmic picture warns you are too involved in the negative side of what's going on.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



If you make a mistake you must get it right the first chance you get. It may not be in your nature to go round saying sorry but this time you must.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



You are not responsible for other people's woes and you may need to remind yourself of that fact today.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



By all means make plans but be ready to change them at a moment's notice if a shift in your circumstances calls for it.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



You may be in two minds about which way to move today, but who says you have to move at all?

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Be careful what you say today because with Mercury, planet of communication, aspecting Uranus, planet of surprises, others may try to twist your words.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Not everyone has your level of common sense and someone, a friend or a family member, will do something rather silly today.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



You may not want to give any clues about what you are up to but if you clam up completely others may start to wonder what you've got to hide.

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